

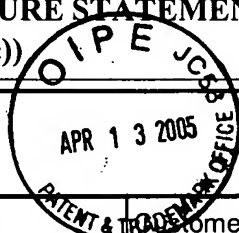
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In Re Application Of: Joseph D. Masci et al.					
Application No. 10/773,378	Filing Date February 6, 2004	Examiner Unknown	Examiner No. 29159	Group Art Unit 3712	Confirmation No. 6343
Title: GAMING DEVICE HAVING A PLURALITY OF PAYLINES AND DIFFERENT MODIFIERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAYLINES					
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98, copies of all foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

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